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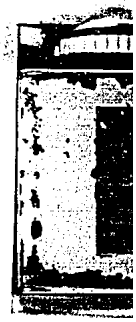

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STOCKHOLM PAPER SUGGESTS MVD TROOPS MAY NOW BE UNDER MINISTRY OF DEFENSE USSR

In an article on the front page of its 11 September 1953 issue, the Conservative Stockholm daily, Svenska Dagbladet, drew an interesting conclusion from the ukase published in the 6 September 1953 issue of Pravda. This ukase directed the discharge of certain personnel from the army, navy, frontier troops, and interior troops and called up the 1934 class for duty in these services.

The ukase was signed by Defense Minister Bulganin instead of by the Minister of Internal Affairs, as formerly would have been the normal procedure, according to Svenska Dagbladet. This, the Stockholm newspaper concluded, "could mean that the MVD troops are no longer under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, but are under the Ministry of Defense."

It added, Bulganin's order may indicate that Kruglov's duties are mainly of a policing and administrative nature."

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